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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today, with the exception of the indictment against Erin E. King, which was returned yesterday. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RESIDENT FACES DRUG CHARGE

Erin E. King, DOB 11/18/82, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, was charged with possessing a chemical, pseudoephedrine, knowing that it would be used to manufacture methamphetamine. The indictment alleges that King possessed the chemical on October 20, 2005. If convicted, King faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison.

This matter was investigated by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, Crawford County Sheriff's Department, and La Crosse Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

TWO MEN FACE DRUG CHARGES

Antonio Torres, DOB 5/17/74, of South Beloit, Illinois, and Tadeo Barajas-Reyes, DOB 3/14/82, of Beloit, Wisconsin, were charged in a five-count indictment with various drug offenses. The indictment alleges that the two men conspired to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, cocaine from January 2006 to April 26, 2006, and with possession with intent to distribute cocaine on April 26, 2006. Torres also faces three counts of distribution of cocaine, which the indictment alleges occurred on February 7, 2006, February 14, 2006, and March 16, 2006.

If convicted of the conspiracy charge, they would each face a mandatory

minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years in federal prison. On each count of the other counts, if convicted, the defendants face a maximum penalty of 20 years. This matter was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, and the Stateline Area Narcotics Team. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

MADISON MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CRACK COCAINE

Delon Waller, DOB 5/1/77, of Madison, Wisconsin, was charged with possession with intent to distribute five or more grams of crack cocaine. The indictment alleges that he possessed the crack cocaine on April 25, 2006.

If convicted, Waller faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison and a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison. This matter was investigated by the Madison Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

JANESVILLE MAN CHARGED WITH MAIL FRAUD

Walter Benzing, DOB 11/2/45, of Janesville, Wisconsin, was charged with mail fraud in relation to a scheme to defraud various individuals and to obtain property by fraudulent means. The indictment alleges that from September 6, 2000 and continuing through December 2001, Benzing forged numerous Timber Purchase Contracts and as a result, Weyauwega Lumber L.L.C. of Weyauwega, Wisconsin, paid Benzing approximately \$935,000. The indictment alleges that Benzing also told various individual landowners that he would pay them for timber on their property, secured their signatures on a timber contract, sold the rights to harvest the timber to Weyauwega, and then failed to pay the individual landowners after receiving monies from Weyauwega.

If convicted, Benzing faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. This matter has been investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Weyauwega Police Department. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen E. Ehlke.

MILWAUKEE MAN INDICTED ON DRUG CHARGES

Timothy L. Hurns, DOB 2/17/82, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was charged with two counts of distributing cocaine, and one count of possession with intent to distribute

50 grams or more of crack cocaine. The indictment alleges that the distribution occurred on October 1, 2005 and on November 28, 2005, and that the possession took place on December 2, 2005.

If convicted, Hurns faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 10 years and a maximum penalty of life in federal prison. This matter was investigated by the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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